

# Beginning Readers



Scholastic **BookFlix** is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction e-books from Scholastic. BookFlix stories can be searched by Lexile range, grade level, theme, etc. Each of the 110 fiction/nonfiction pairs includes lesson plans and curriculum correlations. Other features include:

- 32 fiction/nonfiction pairs available in Spanish.
- A read-along option that can be toggled on and off as a reader's skill grows.
- Educational games, author biographies, and selected web sites to reinforce skills.



World Book's **Early World of Learning** contains three sections that focus on critical areas of learning for students in early elementary grades.

1. *Trek's Travels* includes narrated stories, interactive games and videos focusing on early childhood themes, including colors, shapes, numbers, and more. Materials for educators are included.
2. *Welcome to Reading* features stories at four Lexile levels, from BR to 630L). Each level contains stories that strengthen phonics, vocabulary, phonological awareness, and comprehension skills. Educator support materials include content summaries, curriculum correlations, a downloadable Little Book, Lexile measures, and lesson plans. In addition, each level includes related games and videos that reinforce concepts.
3. *Know It* is a child's first online encyclopedia, which provides a great place for early learners to explore nonfiction topics.

Early World of Learning also includes assessments—called “quizzes” for these young students—that test their knowledge before and after they explore each theme on *Trek's Travels* and the major topics on *Know It*. Each five-question quiz includes a variety of question types: multiple choice, true/false, and grid questions.

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**Searchasaurus** is an introduction to research databases that gives young learners a chance to practice reading and searching skills. Students can search by Lexile score, which lets them find articles at the right reading level. It includes many articles, pictures, and tools for educators to help students develop reading skills. Articles can be viewed in HTML or PDF format.



Students can:

- Search for articles by search term or browse from selected topics.
- Click on pictures for a safe image search.
- Use the encyclopedia to search for information.

Refer to the chart below for ways to use these three resources to support your beginning readers as they master Reading Foundational Skills and meet Ohio’s Third Grade Reading Guarantee.


Foundational Skills	In BookFlix	In Early World of Learning	In Searchasaurus
<b>Print Concepts</b>			
<p>Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print (K,1)</p> 	<p>BookFlix includes a read-along option with word-by-word highlighting. Children follow along as the storybook is narrated and the e-book is read aloud.</p> <p>Students can move the mouse over highlighted text to see definitions of subject-specific words.</p>	<p>EWOL is a good tool for learning basic print concepts. Choose Welcome to Reading – Level A and read <i>Trek and His Friends</i>. As the story is read from left to right, words are highlighted on the page.</p> <p>Students experience letters combined into words both visually and orally as the story is read aloud. As the story continues, students can view the words and the spaces between them as they are highlighted and read aloud.</p>	<p>Searchasaurus is a good tool to introduce print concepts written for a specific reading level. Many articles in PDF format provide students both visual and written examples.</p> <p>Students can select a Lexile level before typing a term in the search box. From the results list, have them choose an article that is in PDF format. <i>Weekly Reader</i> and <i>Scholastic News</i> are examples of sources that include print and pictures.</p>

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<b>Phonological Awareness</b>			
<p>Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes) (K, 1)</p> 	<p>BookFlix includes some suggested activities to promote phonological awareness. Introduce students to words found in the paired books. Ask them to identify the initial sound in each word.</p>	<p>By clicking on the Play button next to the story, readers can choose an interactive topic to complete.</p>	<p>Searchasaurus includes a wealth of materials that can be used to promote phonological awareness. For younger students, articles from resources such as <i>Weekly Reader</i>, <i>Ranger Rick</i>, and other primary magazines offer subject-specific vocabulary along with activities.</p>
	<p>Given a list of spoken words used in the pair titles, ask students to identify the common sound (for example, <i>duck, dog, dairy</i>).</p>	<p>In level A, students can choose to play the “First Sound Sort-Consonants” game. The game asks students to sort pictures of objects based on the beginning sounds of the object names. Students place their cursor over the picture to hear the object's name read aloud. Students sort the images into the correct bucket by dragging and dropping.</p>	<p>Writing is one way to reinforce phonological awareness. Some ways that students and teachers can use articles from Searchasaurus for writing practice are: take dictation as the teacher reads the article aloud; use words from the article to write a story; read and write a paragraph or two each day based on an informational article from Searchasaurus.</p>
<b>Phonics and Word Recognition</b>			
<p>Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words (K, 1, 2, 3)</p> 	<p>Recommended strategies and activities to connect BookFlix to phonics include selecting words from the paired books that appear on a basic sight or high-frequency word list. Make sure that students recognize these words.</p>	<p>Videos are another tool in EWOL to introduce and reinforce learning skills. Level A introduces consonants in a colorful, upbeat short clip.</p>	<p>Searchasaurus is a good resource for lesson plans and activities to use with students. For example, a search on “phonics” yields a link to <i>Scholastic News</i> with reading skills practice on vowels and consonants.</p>
	<p>Have students identify new words as they read/listen to the text and then use the words in a new context. Brainstorm a list of synonyms and antonyms for the new words.</p>	<p>Level B includes a video on vowels. Level C focuses on long vowel sounds and Level D includes a colorful video on prefixes.</p>	<p>After locating an article in Searchasaurus (PDF works best), students can take apart the article and make a list of important words (5 or more). Use a chart to identify the beginning sounds of each word. Determine the number of syllables in the word. Locate prefixes and suffixes, definitions for the words, etc. Have students partner with another student to compare their charts.</p>

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<b>Fluency</b>			
<p>Read emergent–reader texts with purpose and understanding (K)</p> <p>Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension (1, 2, 3)</p> 	<p>BookFlix includes games and activities designed to reinforce early reading skills, vocabulary, and separating fact from fiction.</p> <p>Place students in pairs and have them read all or portions of the books to each other.</p> <p>Under resources there are a number of suggestions on how to support comprehension including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask students to summarize the book or story.</li> <li>• Use a word web to show main and related concepts.</li> <li>• Draw a timeline of events.</li> <li>• Make and confirm predictions.</li> <li>• Reread sections that were not understood.</li> <li>• Find connections to other books or stories that they know.</li> </ul>	<p>The mini-lessons found under the Educator Resources include dozens of short lesson ideas on consonants, vowels, silent letters, suffixes, prefixes, and more. Use the quizzes as a formative assessment tool for checking knowledge and understanding of early reading skills.</p> <p>For example, Level D includes mini-lessons on exploring long <i>a</i> as <i>lake</i>, exploring <i>tch</i> as in <i>catch</i>, and exploring silent <i>k</i> as in <i>knight</i>.</p> <p>Another example from Level B in the mini-lessons explores long <i>l</i> as in <i>cry</i>, <i>oo</i> as in <i>good</i>, and <i>d</i> as in <i>sad</i>.</p>	<p>The ability to read text accurately and quickly is the mark of a fluent reader. Because students can search articles by Lexile level, as they become more fluent they can look for higher level reading materials.</p> <p>Use Searchasaurus to help students develop fluency by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choral reading. Student(s) and teacher read the article aloud together.</li> <li>• Peer/Paired reading. First each child reads the article silently and then they take turns reading aloud to each other.</li> <li>• Echo reading. The teacher reads a section of the article, and then the student reads the same section as they record the reading. The student can also record the reading alone.</li> <li>• Tape/assisted reading. Listen and read along with a recording of the article.</li> <li>• Buddy Reading. An upper grade student listens to a lower grade level student read aloud.</li> <li>• One minute reading graphs. Time students as they read through the article the first time and at different intervals throughout a set time period. Chart the results to review progress.</li> </ul>

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